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Ex Parte

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street, S.W. - Portals
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Bell Atlantic Corp. and GTE Corp., CC Docket No. 98-184

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 24, 2002, Verizon made a wire transfer of \$192,303.00 to the FCC as instructed by the FCC Revenues and Receivables Operations Group to be forwarded to the U.S. Treasury as voluntary payment pursuant to Condition V, Paragraph 16 of Appendix D to the order approving the merger between Bell Atlantic and GTE ("Merger Order") and this notice is provided pursuant to Paragraph 13, Attachment A of the same Appendix D.

The amount represents payment for metrics missed during the performance months of August 2002, September 2002 and October 2002 and for metrics missed six or more months during Performance Year 2 of \$214,732.00. The payment was adjusted to include a decrease of \$22,429.00 to amounts due for prior months resulting from the use of the April 2002 rerun performance measurement results.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann D. Berkowitz".

cc: M. Stone
D. Lee